## The State of Downtown Auburn

## Auburn Public Library

## Thursday, March 6, 2014

5:30PM - 7:30PM

Join City of Auburn Economic Development Specialist, Alan S. Manoian, for a compelling & provocative "visual-presentation journey" along the streets, sidewalks, squares, parks, parking lots, plazas, and riverfronts of Downtown Auburn.

Is Downtown Auburn functionally designed for "saving time" or designed for "time well-spent"? Would you rather take a memorable stroll around a downtown square; or take a memorable stroll around an intersection? Why have many Downtown Auburn buildings functionally "shunned", disconnected, or turned their backs to the downtown sidewalk? How would you describe Downtown Auburn's evening scene? Can Downtown Auburn transfigure into a world-class destination place where people gravitate for social encounter, strolling & lingering for pleasure, window shopping, grand sidewalk cafes, waterfront adventures, diverse cultural enrichment, memorable public sculpture, heritage tourism, and yes, timeless people-watching?

To make it a most remarkable evening, a photographic presentation of the extraordinary 1915 Bells of St. Louis Church, recently removed from the church tower, will be featured; a historic Civic Campaign in partnership with Museum L/A to acquire, restore and memorialize the bells in New Auburn will be launched!

These Bells are Auburn, Maine.

Downtown Auburn is ready to once again (live) as a place where time is "well-spent", where a 5-minute walk along our sidewalks is not a harsh burden, but rather an uplifting pleasure of our new urban lifestyle.

## Downtown Auburn is ready for The New Urbanism- Join us!

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